

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following claims

--28. A heat-insulating container according to claim 17, wherein one of said subsidiary ribs is arranged between each pair of adjacent vertical ribs.

29. A heat-insulating container according to claim 17, wherein one of said subsidiary ribs is arranged only between some of the pairs of adjacent vertical ribs.

30. A heat-insulating container according to claim 17, wherein said vertical ribs are parallel to one another.--

REMARKS

Upon entry of the Second Amendment After Final Rejection Under 37 CFR 1.116, as requested in an RCE filed concurrently herewith, and this Preliminary Amendment, claims 17, 18, 20, 23 and 25-30 will be in this application. Claims 1-16, 19, 21, 22, and 24 are cancelled.

New claims 28-30 are directed to the embodiments wherein a subsidiary rib is situated between each pair of adjacent vertical ribs (claim 28) or only between some of the pairs of adjacent vertical ribs (claim 29) and wherein the vertical ribs are